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Focus on Reduced Hours

The Library of Michigan will be closed on Monday and Thursday mornings due to state budget cuts. A reduction in part-time staff means that reader advisors are unavailable during those hours. The SBPH phone lines are open Monday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To take pressure off the phone lines, we ask that you keep calls brief and limit them to once per week. Patrons with Internet access can e-mail requests at any time of the day or night to sbph@michigan.gov, or visit www.michigan.gov/ordertalkingbooks. We are committed to getting your books into the mail each morning and regret the inconvenience that a reduced schedule may cause.

Focus on Michigan Notables

Enjoy the following titles from the Library of Michigan Notable Book List, published in 2004 and now available in accessible formats:

Mr. Paradise: A Novel, by Elmore Leonard. RC57710, BR15236

The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor, by Ken Silverstein. LM8082, BR15502

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Wire to Wire: Inside the 1984 Detroit Tigers Championship Season, by George Cantor. LM8072

The following titles are in the process of being recorded:

Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age, by Kevin Boyle. (RC)

Bucking the Sarge, by Christopher Paul Curtis. (RC, BR)

Call 1-800-992-9012 to request any these noted titles of local- interest.

The following standard audio recordings are available commercially:

The Tarnished Eye: A Novel of Suspense, by Judith Guest.

True North: A Novel, by Jim Harrison.

Focus On New Described Videos

Thanks to your generous contributions to the Library of Michigan Foundation we were able to add 30 described videos to our collection this year. For a complete list of our videos, go to www.michigan.gov/sbph, or search the SBPH catalog online and order books and videos directly at www.michigan.gov/ordertalkingbooks. Call 1-800-992-9012 to request a large print, cassette, or Braille copy. Your donations are appreciated! Send to Library of Michigan Foundation, PO Box 30159, Lansing, MI 48909.

Focus on MBTF Grant

The Michigan Braille Transcribers Fund (MBTF) has awarded the Library of Michigan, SBPH a grant in the amount of \$1,815 for the purchase of a Braille Blazer embosser. This equipment will enable staff to create Braille labels for our locally produced cassettes for the first time. Locally produced titles are those that are about Michigan and the Great Lakes or by Michigan authors. The books are narrated by volunteers from around the state and have title ID numbers beginning with the letters LM. Braille labels will also be added to replacement copies that are made when a cassette is returned to us damaged or lost.

Focus on Hewlett-Packard Grant

Two new computers will replace the adaptive computers in the SBPH public service area thanks to a grant from Hewlett-Packard. The computers will operate with Windows XP and include JAWS, ZoomText and Kurzweil software. Adaptive Technology Coordinator Scott Norris can offer some basic training in these technologies for individuals who come into the library during our normal hours. Call in advance to schedule at 1-800-992-9012, dial Scott directly at 1-517-373-5516 to leave a message, or e-mail to snorris@michigan.gov.

Focus on Accessible Cell Phones

Scott Norris, adaptive technology coordinator at SBPH, recently purchased a Nokia model 6620 cellular phone and SpeechPak Talks software to load on the phone. This combination allows a blind or visually impaired cell phone user to access virtually all the menu items. Mobile Speak is another program that can be loaded onto some Nokia phones. Verizon and Sprint PCS have a couple of models that have limited accessibility, using voice-input commands to access the menus. Call Cingular's toll free number for persons with disabilities at 866-241-6568 for more information. Call MEE Inc. at 517-327-6363 for information on Mobile Speak software. Contact your local Verizon or Sprint PCS phone dealers for information on their software. Adaptive technology questions in general can be directed to Scott at 800-992-9012 or snorris@michigan.gov.

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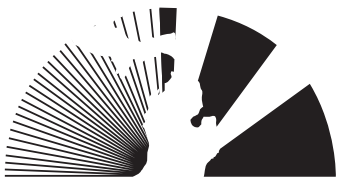
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